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Argentine refugees in Brazil

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (520000044)

(U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS)

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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REF: (a) State 88529, (b) Buenos Aires 3011

As reported in reftel B, []

(protect) will be in Rio May 8 for two to three months to in-

vestigate refugee situation and consider opening a UNHCR branch

office in Brazil. [] told Emboff he believes more

than 1,000 Argentines are seeking asylum in Brazil and that

their presence is viewed with grave concern by Brazilian auth-

orities. He said that many of them apparently fled Argentina

after being detained for interrogation and subsequently released

in Argentina and that a major problem for UNHCR will be to ascer-

tain which are bona fide refugees and which are or were terror-

ists and thus ineligible for refugee status under the UNHCR

mandate. [] added that some Latin American countries, par-

ticularly Bolivia, are apparently cooperating with Argentine

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authorities in returning Argentine suspects, but that Brazil so far has apparently not forceably repatriated any Argentine asylum seekers back to Argentina. He asked whether USG would be responsive to a UNHCR effort to resettle Argentine refugees out of Brazil and other Latin American countries.

[] said he would appreciate a Congen Rio political briefing early after his May 8 arrival and Embassy recommends Congen leave name of appropriate US officer [] at UNDP offices in Rio in order for him to arrange call. [] can provide further information to Congen Rio after his onsite appraisal of situation.

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